

## Halloween Safety

### Crime Prevention Quiz

Play it safe on Halloween and follow the advice in the Halloween Crime Prevention Quiz below.

Place a check beside the answer you feel is best.

**1. Someone gives you candy that is not wrapped and sealed by a candy company. You should:**

- A. Eat the candy.
- B. Save the candy for another day.
- C. Throw the candy away.

**2. One of the treats you were given has something suspicious sticking out of it. You should:**

- A. Bite into the candy to see what it is.
- B. Tell your Mom and/or Dad immediately so they can report it to the police.
- C. Do not tell anyone and save the candy for later.
- D. Give the candy away.

**3. The safest way to go trick or treating is:**

- A. Alone.
- B. Late at night.
- C. On your bicycle.
- D. With your parents.

**4. The best place to go trick or treating is:**

- A. In a strange neighborhood.
- B. In your own neighborhood where you know people.
- C. Where there is a pumpkin in the window.

### HALLOWEEN SAFETY QUIZ ANSWER KEY

1. C 2. B 3. D 4. B

### Safety Tips

Props, such as toy guns, swords and knives should be made of soft rubber, Styrofoam, cardboard or other pliable material. Replica firearms that could be mistaken for real firearms should be avoided. If your child carries a jack-o'-lantern, a flashlight should be placed inside, not a candle. Children should use non-allergenic facial makeup instead of masks. Make sure you apply a thin coat of cold cream before application of any makeup. The makeup will come off easier if you do this. Masks can restrict vision. If your child wears a mask, make sure he/she removes it when he/she crosses a street. Children should wear light-colored costumes short enough to prevent tripping. Reflective tape can be added to enhance visibility.

The safest way to celebrate Halloween is to participate in an organized event coordinated by a local school or church. For those who still want to observe the holiday in the traditional manner be sure to follow the safety tips provided here.

Children should look in all directions before crossing the street and should obey all traffic signals. Children should always walk on sidewalks and not on streets. Children should cross streets at corners. They should never cross streets between parked cars, in the middle of blocks or diagonally across intersections; and streets in rural areas without sidewalks should be avoided. If there are no sidewalks, children should stay as far left of the roadway as possible and walk facing traffic.



### Crime Prevention Tips

The following crime prevention tips can help make Halloween safe and more enjoyable for everyone:

- Do not leave your home unattended;
- Keep your pet(s) indoors or in another safe place;
- Walk through your neighborhood with others to discourage acts of malicious mischief and speeding motorists;
- Drive slowly all evening-you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path;
- Turn your porch light on to let children know it's all right to visit your home;
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard;
- Set a specific time limit for your child/children to be out;
- Only give homemade treats to children you know. Make sure the treats are properly wrapped;
- Give commercially wrapped treats to children you do not know;
- Instruct your children to never enter the home of a stranger;
- Never invite children into your home;
- Instruct children not to stray from their group;
- Children should never be allowed to go out alone;
- Always know who your children are with;
- Always escort your children. If you cannot escort your children, you should select another trusted adult to escort them;

- Adult escorts should carry flashlights;
- Children should walk, not run, to avoid tripping;
- Children should never accept rides from strangers;
- Instruct your children to stay in their own neighborhood and to trick or treat at homes that have porch lights on;
- Know the exact routes your children will take;
- Children should never take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or parks;
- Children should carry trick or treat bags that have strong straps or handles. This allows a child to carry the bag in one hand, leaving the other hand free (for a free trick or treat bag, stop by the front desk of the Corvallis Police Department);
- Children should wear identification bracelets;
- Children should trick or treat during daytime hours;
- At night, children should stay on well-lit streets;
- Children should wear costumes made of white or light colored material. The costumes should be fireproof. If the costume is made of dark material, attach reflector tape on the costume to increase nighttime visibility;
- Children should wear comfortable, proper fitting costumes and shoes. Oversized costumes, shoes, boots or loose fitting high heels can make it difficult for children to walk.

**The Corvallis Police Department Wishes  
You a Safe and Happy Halloween!**

**Please stop by the front desk of the Corvallis Police  
Department for your free **Trick** or **Treat** Bag!**